

REMARKS

Claims 39-47 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. Allowance of claim 41 is noted with appreciation.

Rejected claims 39 and 40 have been cancelled.

Claims 42-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Vance (US Patent 5,563,738) in view of Zeira (US Patent 5,932,342).

Claims 42-47 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 41. These dependent claims as amended are further limited from allowed claim 41 by the specific recitations of the light filter "including a conformal layer of transmissive material affixed to the back surface of the first layer and the remaining portions of the beads to receive incident light" or with beads with a "radius R, and the thickness of the conformal layer is not greater than R" or "thickness of the conformal layer is about ten percent (10%) of R" or "further comprising a support layer of transparent material disposed on the front surface of the first layer" or "further comprising a thin transparent layer disposed between the first layer and the second layer, the beads penetrating the first layer and the thin transparent layer to form apertures of increased diameter."

It is therefore respectfully submitted that these dependent claims 42-47 now are further limited over allowed claim 41 from which they depend and are therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 42-47 are solicited.

In the event the examiner elects to continue rejection of claims not previously indicated to be allowable, he is respectfully requested to enter this amendment in order to simplify the issues for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,
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